



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) were sold in the United States at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

DATES: Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 25, 2016, Commerce published the antidumping duty (AD) order on CORE from Korea.¹ Commerce initiated this administrative review on September 7, 2021.² This review

¹ See *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination for India and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 48390 (July 25, 2016) (*Order*); and *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Notice of Correction to the Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 58475 (August 25, 2016).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 86 FR 50034, 50040 (September 7, 2021).

covers eight companies,³ of which we selected Dongkuk and Hyundai as mandatory respondents.⁴

On March 23, 2022, we extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review. until July 29, 2022.⁵ For a detailed description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁶

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is CORE from Korea. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁷

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Export price and constructed export price were calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. NV was calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

³ The eight companies are: Dongbu Incheon Steel Co., Ltd., Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd., KG Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd. (formerly Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd.), Dongkuk Steel Mill Co., Ltd. (Dongkuk), Hyundai Steel Company (Hyundai), POSCO, POSCO Coated & Color Steel Co., Ltd., and POSCO International Corporation (formerly, POSCO Daewoo Corporation).

⁴ *See* Memorandum, "Respondent Selection," dated September 29, 2020.

⁵ *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of 2020-2021 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated March 23, 2022.

⁶ *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results: Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea, 2020-2021," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁷ *Id.*

Rate for Non-Examined Companies

The statute and Commerce’s regulations do not address the establishment of a rate to be applied to companies not selected for individual examination when Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. Generally, Commerce looks to section 735(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in a market economy AD investigation, for guidance when calculating the rate for companies which were not selected for individual examination in an administrative review.

Under section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the all-others rate is normally “an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely {on the basis of facts available}.”

Consistent with section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, we determined the weighted-average dumping margin for each of the non-selected companies by using the weighted-average dumping margins calculated for Dongkuk and Hyundai in this administrative review.⁸

Preliminary Results

We preliminarily determine the following weighted-average dumping margins for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021:

Exporter/ Producer	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Dongkuk Steel Mill Co., Ltd.	1.67
Hyundai Steel Company	0.86
KG Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd. / Dongbu Incheon Steel Co., Ltd. ⁹	1.47

⁸ For more information regarding the calculation of this margin, see Memorandum, “Calculation of the Cash Deposit Rate for Non-Reviewed Companies,” dated concurrently with this notice.

⁹ In a recently completed changed circumstances review, Commerce found that KG Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd. is the successor-in-interest to Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd. for purposes of determining antidumping cash deposits and liabilities. See *Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products and Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews*, 86 FR 10922 (February 23, 2021). Also, in the previous segment of this proceeding, Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd. and Dongbu Incheon Steel Co., Ltd. were collapsed and treated as a single entity for antidumping purposes. See *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of*

POSCO	1.47
POSCO Coated & Color Steel Co., Ltd.	1.47
POSCO International Corporation	1.47

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. For any individually examined respondent whose weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.5 percent) in the final results of this review and the respondent reported entered values, we will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rates for the merchandise based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made during the POR to each importer and the total entered value of those same sales, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). If the respondent has not reported entered values, we will calculate a per-unit assessment rate for each importer by dividing the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made to that importer by the total quantity associated with those transactions. To determine whether an importer-specific, per-unit assessment rate is *de minimis*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we also will calculate an importer-specific *ad valorem* ratio based on estimated entered values.

Where an importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rate is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2). If a respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, we will instruct CBP not to assess duties on any of its entries in accordance with the *Final Modification for Reviews*,

Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018–2019, 85 FR 74987 (November 24, 2020), unchanged in *Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2018–2019*, 86 FR 28571 (May 27, 2021). As the facts have not changed with respect to these companies, we continue to treat them as a single entity for purposes of this review.

i.e., “{w}here the weighted-average margin of dumping for the exporter is determined to be zero or *de minimis*, no antidumping duties will be assessed.”¹⁰

In accordance with Commerce’s “automatic assessment” practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by any of the above-referenced respondents for which they did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate those entries at the all-others rate in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation (as amended)¹¹ if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.¹²

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the *Federal Register*. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for each specific company listed above will be that established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent, and therefore *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously investigated companies not participating in this review, the cash deposit will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most

¹⁰ See *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8102 (February 14, 2012) (*Final Modification for Reviews*).

¹¹ See *Order; Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Final Determination of Investigation and Notice of Amended Final Results*, 83 FR 39054 (August 8, 2018) (*Timken and Amended Final Results*).

¹² For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

recently completed segment of this proceeding in which the company participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the underlying investigation, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent segment for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will continue to be 8.31 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation (as amended).¹³ These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(3) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon for its final results.

Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose the calculations performed for these preliminary results of review to interested parties within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Interested parties will be notified of the deadline for the submission of case briefs and written comments at a later date. Rebuttal briefs, the content of which is limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.¹⁴ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.¹⁵ Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed

¹³ See *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination for India and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 48390 (July 25, 2016), as amended by *Timken and Amended Final Results*.

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1) and (2); see also *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19*, 85 FR 17006 (March 26, 2020) (“To provide adequate time for release of case briefs via ACCESS, E&C intends to schedule the due date for all rebuttal briefs to be 7 days after case briefs are filed (while these modifications remain in effect).”).

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

electronically via Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.¹⁶ Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; (3) whether any participant is a foreign national; and (4) a list of issues parties intend to discuss. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold a hearing at a time and date to be determined.¹⁷ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

All submissions to Commerce must be filed using ACCESS¹⁸ and must be served on interested parties.¹⁹ An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the date that the document is due. Commerce has modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information until further notice.²⁰

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any case or rebuttal briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless this deadline is extended.²¹

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping and/or countervailing duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of

¹⁶ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹⁷ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

¹⁸ See 19 CFR 351.303.

¹⁹ See 19 CFR 351.303(f).

²⁰ See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID 19; Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

²¹ See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; and 19 CFR 351.213(h).

antidumping and/or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: July 27, 2022.

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Appendix

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